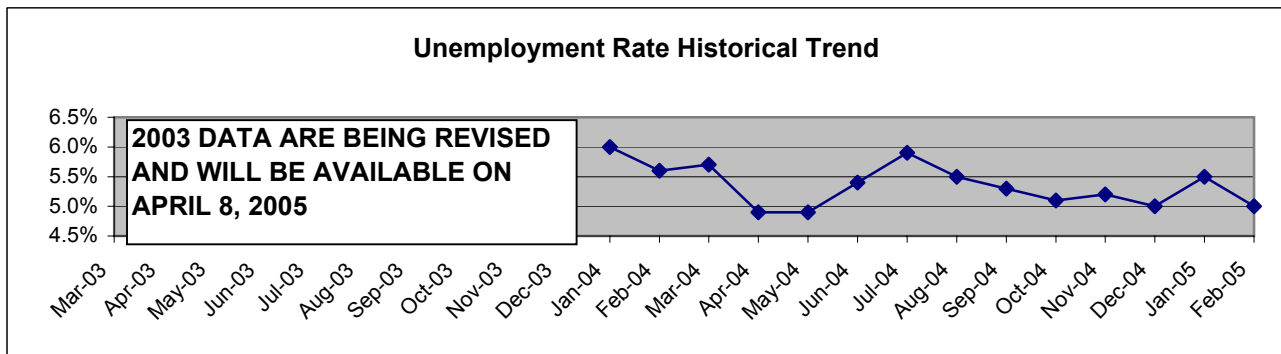


IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OXNARD-THOUSAND OAKS-VENTURA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Ventura County)

The unemployment rate in Ventura County was 5.0 percent in February 2005, down from a revised 5.5 percent in January 2005, and below the year-ago estimate of 5.6 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.1 percent for California and 5.8 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Month to month changes				Year to year changes		
	Jan-2005	Feb-2005	Change		Feb-2004	Feb-2005	Change
Total Jobs	301,300	307,100	5,800		302,700	307,100	4,400
Farm Jobs	18,200	21,000	2,800		19,400	21,000	1,600
Nonfarm Jobs	283,100	286,100	3,000		283,300	286,100	2,800
Natural Resources and Mining	700	700	0		600	700	100
Construction	16,400	17,000	600		16,400	17,000	600
Manufacturing	38,100	38,500	400		37,700	38,500	800
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	52,800	52,300	(500)		52,600	52,300	(300)
Information	6,600	6,800	200		6,700	6,800	100
Financial Activities	23,600	23,700	100		23,800	23,700	(100)
Professional and Business Services	36,900	37,500	600		36,800	37,500	700
Educational and Health Services	28,000	28,400	400		27,400	28,400	1,000
Leisure and Hospitality	27,900	28,100	200		27,600	28,100	500
Other Services	10,100	10,200	100		10,300	10,200	(100)
Government	42,000	42,900	900		43,400	42,900	(500)

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality

Data may not add due to rounding

Additional data are available on-line at [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

**Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura MSA**

**Ventura County**

Industry Employment & Labor Force  
March 2004 Benchmark

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonality

	Feb 04	Dec 04	Jan 05 Revised	Feb 05 Prelim.	Percent Change Month Year	
Civilian Labor Force (1)	417,950	415,420	416,900	423,500	1.6%	1.3%
Civilian Employment	394,730	394,680	393,900	402,200	2.1%	1.9%
Civilian Unemployment	23,230	20,740	23,000	21,300	-7.4%	-8.3%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.0%	5.5%	5.0%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	6.7%	5.7%	6.3%	6.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	6.0%	5.1%	5.7%	5.8%		
Total, All Industries (2)	302,700	303,900	301,300	307,100	1.9%	1.5%
Total Farm	19,400	17,100	18,200	21,000	15.4%	8.2%
Total Nonfarm	283,300	286,800	283,100	286,100	1.1%	1.0%
Total Private	239,900	244,300	241,100	243,200	0.9%	1.4%
Goods Producing	54,700	55,800	55,200	56,200	1.8%	2.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	600	700	700	700	0.0%	16.7%
Construction	16,400	16,700	16,400	17,000	3.7%	3.7%
Building, Develop & Gen Cont & Hvy Const	4,800	4,700	4,800	5,000	4.2%	4.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors	11,600	12,000	11,600	12,000	3.4%	3.4%
Manufacturing	37,700	38,400	38,100	38,500	1.0%	2.1%
Durable Goods	23,900	24,400	24,200	24,400	0.8%	2.1%
Machinery Manufacturing	3,400	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	5.9%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	9,200	9,000	8,900	9,000	1.1%	-2.2%
Residual- Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11,300	11,800	11,700	11,800	0.9%	4.4%
Nondurable Goods	13,800	14,000	13,900	14,100	1.4%	2.2%
Residual-Food Manufacturing	5,600	5,500	5,500	5,600	1.8%	0.0%
Chemical Manufacturing	8,200	8,500	8,400	8,500	1.2%	3.7%
Service Providing	228,600	231,000	227,900	229,900	0.9%	0.6%
Private Service Producing	185,200	188,500	185,900	187,000	0.6%	1.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	52,600	54,500	52,800	52,300	-0.9%	-0.6%
Wholesale Trade	12,000	11,900	11,800	11,900	0.8%	-0.8%
Retail Trade	35,000	36,900	35,400	34,800	-1.7%	-0.6%
Food and Beverage Stores	6,500	6,500	6,400	6,400	0.0%	-1.5%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	3,200	3,900	3,700	3,600	-2.7%	12.5%
General Merchandise Stores	6,200	7,200	6,400	6,100	-4.7%	-1.6%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	19,100	19,300	18,900	18,700	-1.1%	-2.1%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	5,600	5,700	5,600	5,600	0.0%	0.0%
Utilities	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	11.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	4,700	4,700	4,600	4,600	0.0%	-2.1%
Information	6,700	6,600	6,600	6,800	3.0%	1.5%
Residual-Publishing Industries (except Internet)	3,900	3,500	3,500	3,600	2.9%	-7.7%
Telecommunications	2,800	3,100	3,100	3,200	3.2%	14.3%
Financial Activities	23,800	23,800	23,600	23,700	0.4%	-0.4%
Finance and Insurance	19,600	19,500	19,300	19,300	0.0%	-1.5%
Residual-Other Finance	1,000	900	900	900	0.0%	-10.0%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	11,100	11,300	11,200	11,200	0.0%	0.9%
Insurance Carriers and Related	7,500	7,300	7,200	7,200	0.0%	-4.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	4,200	4,300	4,300	4,400	2.3%	4.8%
Professional and Business Services	36,800	37,100	36,900	37,500	1.6%	1.9%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	13,700	14,000	13,700	13,900	1.5%	1.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,700	3,400	3,300	3,400	3.0%	-8.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	19,400	19,700	19,900	20,200	1.5%	4.1%
Administrative and Support Services	18,700	18,900	19,100	19,400	1.6%	3.7%
Employment Services	7,700	8,200	8,400	8,500	1.2%	10.4%
Residual-Other Support Services	11,000	10,700	10,700	10,900	1.9%	-0.9%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	700	800	800	800	0.0%	14.3%
Educational and Health Services	27,400	28,200	28,000	28,400	1.4%	3.6%
Residual-Educational Services	7,800	7,900	7,600	7,800	2.6%	0.0%
Health Care	19,600	20,300	20,400	20,600	1.0%	5.1%

**Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura MSA**

**Ventura County**

Industry Employment & Labor Force  
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Leisure and Hospitality	27,600	28,300	27,900	28,100	0.7%	1.8%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	4,600	4,900	4,700	4,900	4.3%	6.5%
Accommodation and Food Service	23,000	23,400	23,200	23,200	0.0%	0.9%
Accommodation	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,300	4.5%	9.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	20,900	21,200	21,000	20,900	-0.5%	0.0%
Other Services	10,300	10,000	10,100	10,200	1.0%	-1.0%
Government	43,400	42,500	42,000	42,900	2.1%	-1.2%
Federal Government	7,800	7,600	7,500	7,600	1.3%	-2.6%
Other Federal Government	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	-4.2%
Department of Defense	5,400	5,300	5,200	5,300	1.9%	-1.9%
State and Local Government	35,600	34,900	34,500	35,300	2.3%	-0.8%
State Government	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	0.0%
State Government Education	500	600	600	600	0.0%	20.0%
Other State Government	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	-5.9%
Local Government	33,400	32,700	32,300	33,100	2.5%	-0.9%
Local Government Education	19,100	19,000	18,600	19,200	3.2%	0.5%
County	8,300	7,800	7,800	7,800	0.0%	-6.0%
City	4,300	4,200	4,300	4,400	2.3%	2.3%
Other Local Government	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,700	6.3%	0.0%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

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